Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Commonwealth Transportation Board

THROUGH: Thelma Drake
Agency Director

FROM: Kevin Page
Chief of Rail Transportation

DATE: June 16, 2010

SUBJECT: Monthly Amtrak Performance Report

DRPT is pleased to present the monthly performance report for Amtrak service in Virginia, summarizing April 2010 performance data. This monthly report provides a snapshot of current performance and recent trends. DRPT continues to work with Amtrak to refine data and to ensure that this monthly report is comprehensive.

The following key facts are based on April 2010 results and a year-over-year comparison of trends for April 2010 and April 2009.

Key Facts

- Statewide year over year comparisons:
  - Virginia statewide Amtrak ridership for April 2010 increased 13 percent as compared to April 2009, to 104,515.
  - Statewide on-time performance for all Amtrak trains in Virginia decreased 6.4 percent to 57.4 percent in April 2010 as compared to April 2009.
  - The Northern Virginia district accounts for the majority of Amtrak ridership at 34.8 percent, and the district with the greatest increase in ridership for April 2010 as compared to April 2009 is the Lynchburg district at 135 percent or 3,477 additional passengers.
  - April 2010 included the same number of weekdays and weekend days as April 2009.

- Statewide station comparisons:
  - Top five Virginia stations by total number of passengers in April 2010:
    1. Staples Mill 24,157
    2. Lorton 20,678
    3. Alexandria 12,409
    4. Newport News 11,474
    5. Charlottesville 9,103

  - Top five Virginia stations by percentage of passenger growth in April 2010 as compared to April 2009:
    1. Lynchburg 160%
    2. Charlottesville 86%
    3. Culpeper 69%

4. Manassas 59%
5. Petersburg 38%

- Virginia-sponsored Amtrak service[1]:
  - Lynchburg route service began October 1, 2009
  - Total Lynchburg route ridership credited to Virginia in April 2010 was 11,973, exceeding the monthly target of 4,200 by 185.1 percent.
  - Total Lynchburg route revenue credited to Virginia in April 2010 was $595,908.72 exceeding the monthly target of $212,070 by 181 percent.
  - The 83.6 percent on-time performance for the Lynchburg route exceeded the statewide average of 57.4 percent in April 2010.
  - Top five bi-directional city pairs by revenue for the new Lynchburg route in April 2010:
    1. Charlottesville—New York
    2. Lynchburg—New York
    3. Charlottesville—Washington, D.C.
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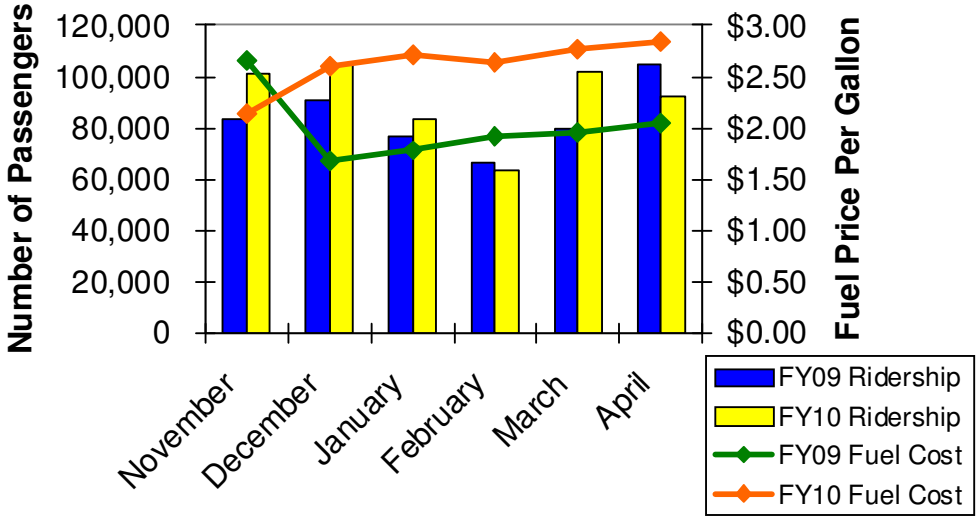
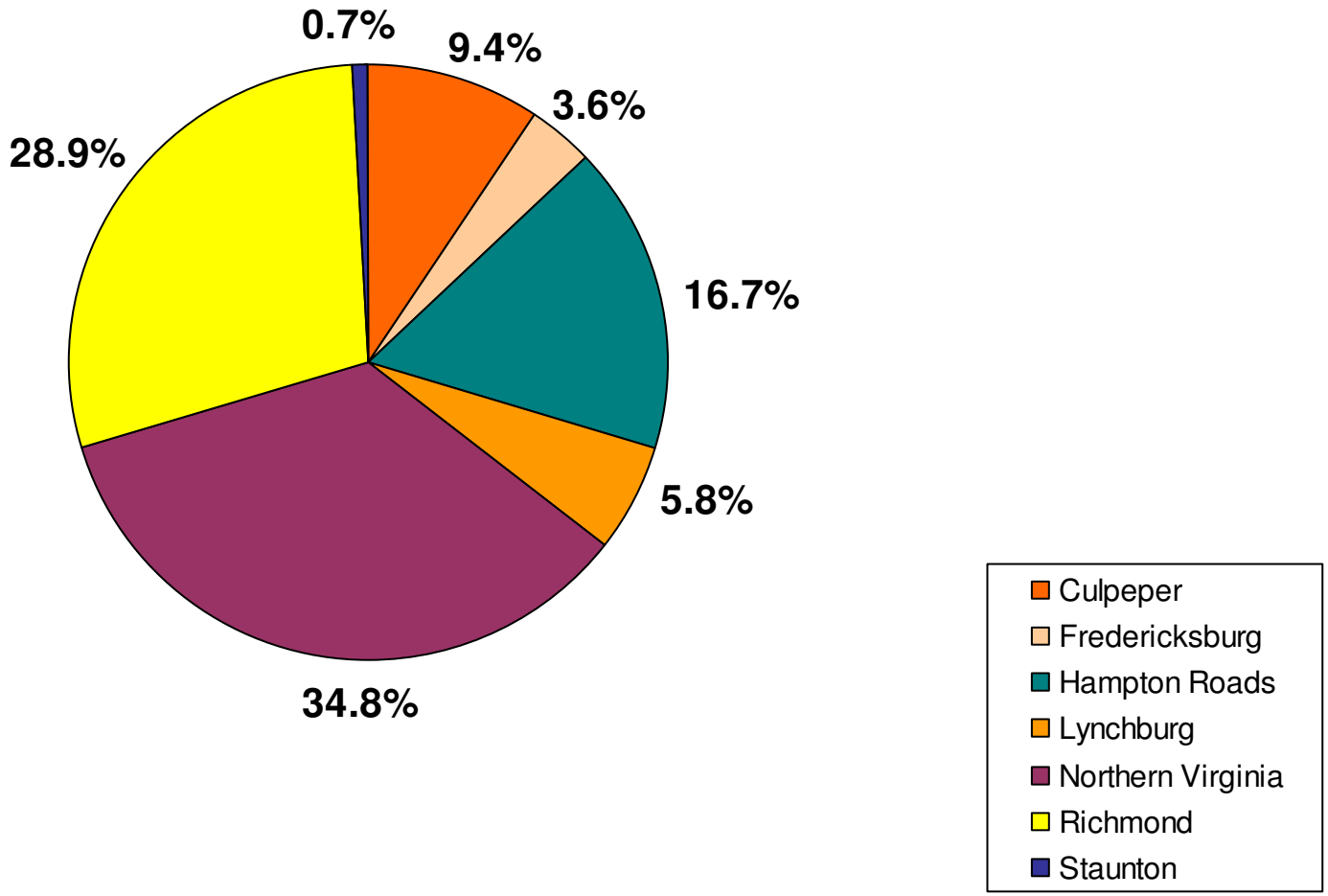
    5. Charlottesville—Philadelphia

FY2010 Amtrak Ridership and Fuel Cost Comparison

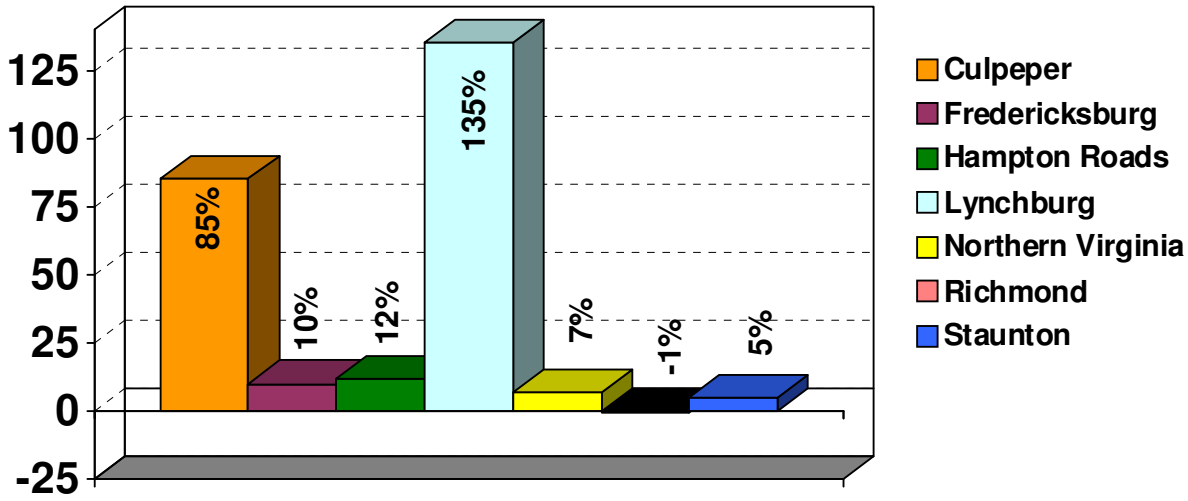


April 2010 Amtrak Ridership by District



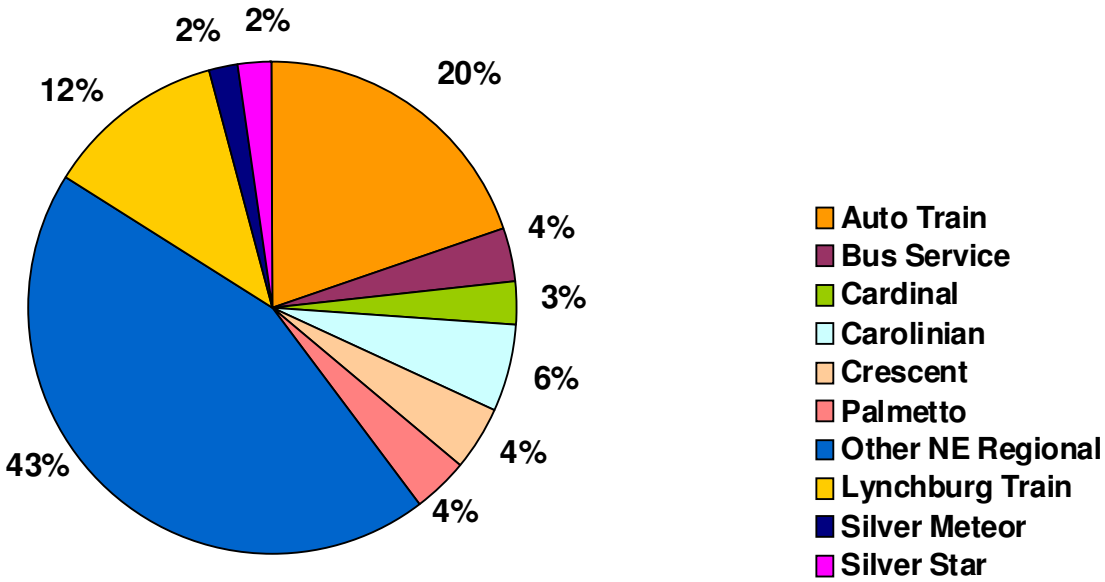
The Salem and Bristol districts are excluded because they currently do not have Amtrak service. Percentages may not add to 100 due to rounding.

Percentage Ridership Change By District
April 2009 vs. April 2010



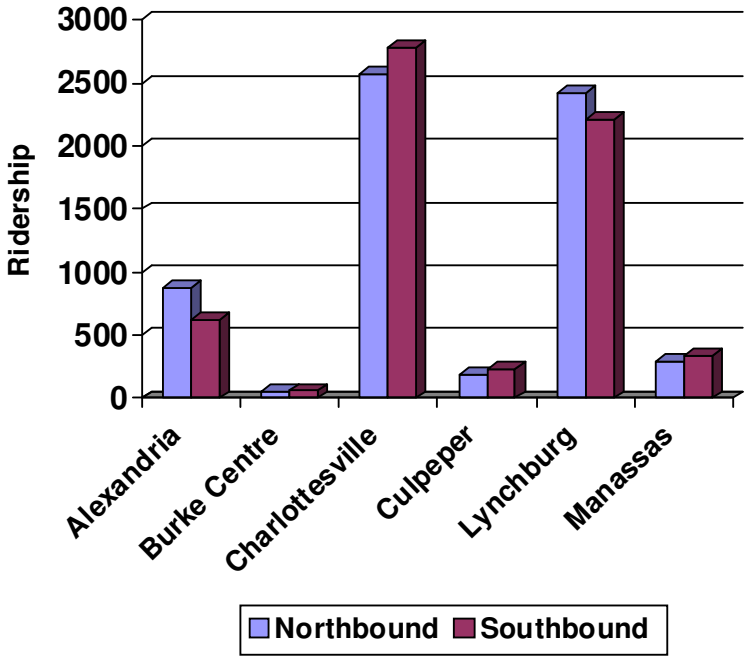
Statewide Amtrak ridership increased 13 percent

April 2010 Statewide Amtrak Ridership
By Service

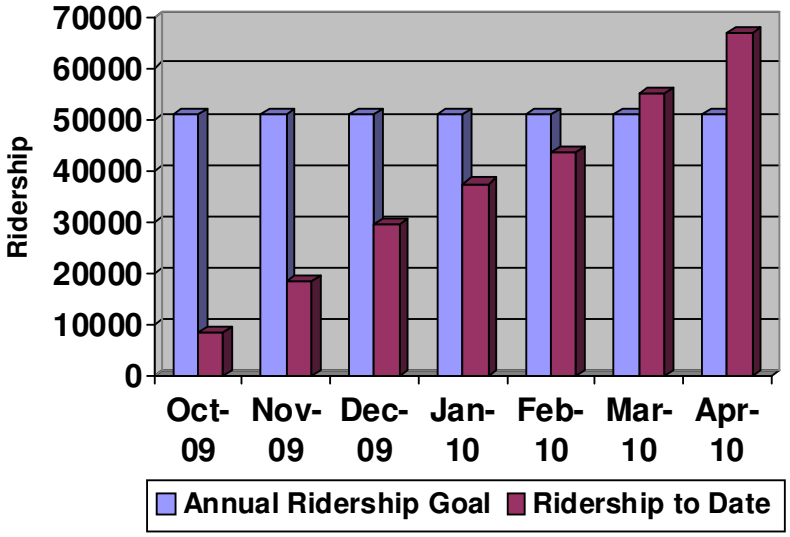


Total I-95 corridor: 81%, Total I-81/Route 29 corridor: 19%

April 2010 Ridership by Direction
New Lynchburg Service

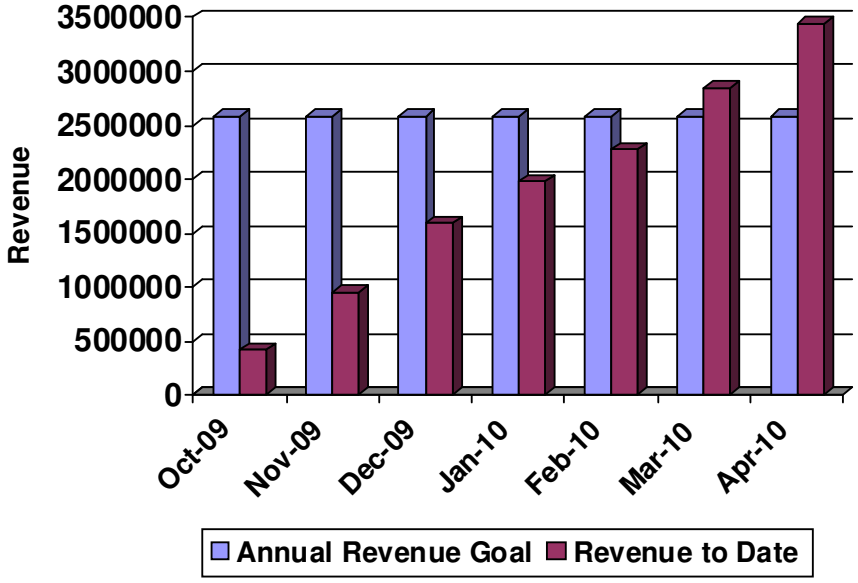


New Lynchburg Route Progress
Toward Annual Ridership Goal



Annual Ridership Goal: 51,000
Ridership to Date: 66,998
Annual goal exceeded by 31.4% to date

New Lynchburg Route Progress Toward Annual Revenue Goal



Annual Revenue Goal: $2,580,000
Revenue to Date: $3,435,356.72
Annual goal exceeded by 33.2% to date

April 2010 Amtrak Virginia Performance Report

Transportation District	Total Passengers April 2010	Total Passengers April 2009	Percent Change	Fiscal YTD 2010 (July 2009 - April 2010)	Fiscal YTD 2009 (July 2008 - April 2009)	Percent Change
Culpeper District						
Charlottesville (CVS)	9,103	4,890	86%	67,998	48,964	39%
Culpeper (CLP)	710	419	69%	5,825	4,068	43%
Culpeper District Total	**9,813**	**5,309**	**85%**	**73,823**	**53,032**	**39%**
Fredericksburg District						
Fredericksburg (FGB)	3,763	3,426	10%	35,183	33,692	4%
Fredericksburg District Total	**3,763**	**3,426**	**10%**	**35,183**	**33,692**	**4%**
Hampton Roads District						
Newport News (NPN)	11,474	9,871	16%	109,126	105,905	3%
Norfolk Bus Stop (NFK)	918	824	11%	9,657	9,033	7%
Virginia Beach Bus Stop (VAB)	638	516	24%	6,287	6,303	0%
Williamsburg (WBG)	4,411	4,346	1%	39,468	40,699	-3%
Hampton Roads District Total	**17,441**	**15,557**	**12%**	**164,538**	**161,940**	**2%**
Lynchburg District						
Danville (DAN)	624	490	27%	7,090	4,916	44%
Lynchburg (LYH)	5,437	2,094	160%	34,695	19,461	78%
Lynchburg District Total	**6,061**	**2,584**	**135%**	**41,785**	**24,377**	**71%**
Northern Virginia District						
Alexandria (ALX)	12,409	10,181	22%	108,064	98,007	10%
Burke Centre (BCV)[2]	112	n/a	n/a	292	n/a	n/a
Franconia-Springfield (FRS)	211	232	-9%	2,099	2,326	-10%
Lorton (LOR)	20,678	21,283	-3%	201,755	191,897	5%
Manassas (MSS)	1,215	763	59%	9,978	7,357	36%
Quantico (QAN)	1,312	1,261	4%	12,660	12,028	5%
Woodbridge (WDB)	486	434	12%	5,317	5,280	1%
Northern Virginia District Total	**36,423**	**34,154**	**7%**	**340,165**	**316,895**	**7%**
Richmond District						
Ashland (ASD)	1,730	1,452	19%	14,980	13,450	11%
Main Street (RVM)	2,557	1,928	33%	22,093	19,649	12%
Petersburg (PTB)	1,811	1,313	38%	18,599	16,597	12%
Staples Mill (RVR)	24,157	25,903	-7%	213,441	213,292	0%
Richmond District Total	**30,255**	**30,596**	**-1%**	**269,113**	**262,988**	**2%**

Transportation District	Total Passengers April 2010	Total Passengers April 2009	Percent Change	Fiscal YTD 2010 (July 2009 - April 2010)	Fiscal YTD 2009 (July 2008 - April 2009)	Percent Change
Staunton District						
Clifton Forge (CLF)	251	231	9%	2,735	3,179	-14%
Staunton (STA)	508	491	3%	4,789	4,964	-4%
Staunton District Total	**759**	**722**	**5%**	**7,524**	**8,143**	**-8%**
Total Statewide Passengers	**104,515**	**92,348**	**13%**	**932,131**	**861,067**	**8%**

Ridership By Service[3]	Total Passengers April 2010	Total Passengers April 2009	Percent Change	Fiscal YTD 2010 (July 2009 - April 2010)	Fiscal YTD 2009 (July 2008 - April 2009)	Percent Change
Auto Train	20,678	21,283	-3%	201,755	191,897	5%
Bus Service	3,703	3,274	13%	38,506	38,843	-1%
Cardinal	2,926	2,951	-1%	27,028	28,915	-7%
Carolinian	6,035	4,119	47%	57,141	51,190	12%
Crescent	4,359	7,149	-39%	45,811	67,832	-32%
New Lynchburg Service	12,651	n/a	n/a	70,784	n/a	n/a
Other Northeast Regional	46,085	42,531	8%	409,207	400,027	2%
Palmetto	3,867	6,807	-43%	34,152	36,811	-7%
Silver Meteor	1,749	1,620	8%	18,555	18,226	2%
Silver Star	2,462	2,614	-6%	26,169	26,349	-1%
Total Ridership By Service	**104,515**	**92,348**	**13%**	**929,108**	**860,090**	**8%**

On-Time Performance[4]	April 2010	April 2009	Percent Change	Fiscal YTD 2010 (July 2009 - April 2010)	Fiscal YTD 2009 (July 2008 - April 2009)	Percent Change
Statewide	57.4%	61.3%	-6.4%	58%	57%	1.7%
New Lynchburg Service	83.6%	n/a	n/a	80.8%	n/a	n/a

[1]Passenger data does not directly correspond to Virginia ridership credit on state-sponsored trains.

[2]A new Amtrak stop was added for the new Lynchburg route in January 2010 at Burke Centre in Fairfax County.

[3]By service data accounts for activity at Virginia stations. This data does not account for other Amtrak trains operated in addition to regularly scheduled Virginia service.

[4]Statewide fiscal year-to-date on-time performance is calculated as an average of the year-to-date data. On-time performance for the new Lynchburg service is available from the month the service started (October 2009) and forward.